

BIG PLUM TO DROP

Coast Cities in a Race for Transport Business.

PORTLAND OUT FOR ITS SHARE

Commercial Organizations Call Attention to Bid of Local Company—San Francisco in a Panic—Seattle Has Hopes.

Big stakes are involved in the strife for the Government transport business. Seattle and San Francisco are fighting each other hard. Portland has entered the contest and is determined to get recognized. Its bid for the business was as low as that of Seattle. Portland has facilities for the service which are superior to any on the Coast. The plum is a big one. Can Portland reach it?

The successful city will get a "good thing." San Francisco heretofore has had the monopoly of the great business. The Government is said to have expended between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in the Bay City in each of the three years after the acquisition of the Philippines. Naturally the California metropolitans to keep the monopoly. It is working tooth and nail to exclude Portland and Seattle from the game. Secretary Root has resolved to dispense with the present transport system and to have troops and supplies conveyed to and from the islands by competitive contract. Last month the War Department advertised for bids from transportation companies. These bids were opened November 19. Only two companies offered bids—James Laidlaw & Co., of Portland, and Frank, Waterhouse & Co., of Seattle, representing the Boston Steamship Company. Both bids were \$4.50 per ton for general cargo. The Portland company did not bid for passengers.

Secretary Root to Decide. Secretary Root will decide the Government's course in the game. Tuesday, and if the contracts are to be let they will be awarded probably next Wednesday. He has not said that he will accept either bid. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof. But Secretary Root admits that the contracts offered would cost the Government less than does the present transport system. Seattle's disadvantage is that that city does not have facilities for the service. It has insufficient accommodations for soldiers, and its depot quarters are not large enough for the great quantity of business. Portland is not thus handicapped. Its docks are amply large, and it has an Army post at Vancouver the equal of the best in the United States.

Portland is in the Game. "Portland is in the game," declared a leading citizen yesterday. "In the game to win. They can't keep us out."

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday sent the following telegram to Senator Mitchell at Washington: Please advise us fully intentions of Government regarding transport service, and inform us what change, if any, is contemplated by the War Department, particularly with reference to adopting contract system of hauling transport business. We had this matter up with you last January, at which time you telegraphed that radical change was not proposed in near future. Portland and Seattle have made bids for transport service. We should like to know what they are and what disposition has been made of them. Our business men desire all information obtainable on this important subject.

S. M. Mears, president of the Chamber, is in the East. L. A. Lewis, vice-president, said last night that the Chamber would be vigorous in looking after the interests of Portland.

"What we need," said he, "is full information."

Will Railroads Help? Can Portland look to the Harriman railroads for help, or is it the old story of Portland fighting its way alone? The Great Northern is backing up Seattle. That city is enthusiastic over the project. Hill is pulling hard for Puget Sound, and is working with the Coast Steamship Company. He aims to get control of trans-Pacific commerce. His railroad, acting in union with his steamships, can crowd out any other Coast city which does not have similar support. Portland has that support in the case of the present Oriental line, but that line does not reach the Philippines.

San Francisco in a Panic. San Francisco has been in a panic for a week. Already it feels its monopoly slipping away. Frankly its representatives in Congress have rushed to the War Department, but they have secured little comfort.

"Advertise again for bids," they pleaded.

But Secretary Root was obdurate. "You have had ample opportunity to bid," he replied.

What the Government will do with its transport ships is agitating San Francisco. Secretary Root has said that he would lay them up until the success of the proposed system had been proved. James J. Hill has been reported to be hatching plans to buy the transports, but he has replied:

"I wouldn't have those transports for a gift."

Transports Are Out of Date. The Government vessels could not compete with the steamships which would run from Portland or Seattle. The vessels which would operate from Portland are of the class of the Quito, Oceano and Acha, which are well known in this city. These steamships belong to the most economical type. The Government vessels are out of date, some of them almost floating scrap piles.

Hill denies that he is connected with the Boston Steamship Company, except in so far as that company may make business for the Great Northern. He thinks that the Boston Steamship Company and the Great Northern combination cannot be met in competition at all, because no American ships in the Pacific can handle the business. Any company that should try to run the present transports "would go to the poorhouse."

Portland's Fine Facilities. F. E. Beach, president of the Portland Board of Trade, returned yesterday from Seattle. He said:

"Seattle isn't in it with us as to facilities for handling its transport business. Its Government depot headquarters would not be equal to the demands that would be put upon them. Besides, Portland has the cheapest produce market on the Coast. Everybody in Seattle admits this. I saw great quantities of Government hay and oats in Seattle, awaiting shipment. Most of this came from the Willamette Valley. It actually passed through Portland, in order to be shipped from Seattle."

"We should certainly make an effort to get this transport business. Success will be a great triumph for us."

"Seattle is a growing, vigorous city, but it falls to equal Portland in many things. The contrast is very apparent. Portland's superiority is apparent, from Seattle's depot to its hotels, city hall, public library and everything else. I cite these only as examples. I trust our superior advantages will win for us a share of the transport business."

The San Francisco View. The San Francisco view is expressed in the following from the Examiner:

"How important this transport trade has been to San Francisco it is hardly

necessary to demonstrate in figures, for every merchant knows that since the Spring of 1898 it has been the main factor in reviving trade, which was then at a very low ebb. It has brought about a remarkable change in the growth of San Francisco's population. It has attracted realty buyers and investors from all over the Union. It has increased the value of real estate not less than 20 per cent. It has caused a most remarkable increase in building. The wholesale districts of the city are filling with substantial warehouses. The retail portions of the city are being filled with new and handsome store and office buildings. Large hotels, flats by the hundreds, residences by the score, are being put up, all evidences of increased business and confidence in San Francisco's future. The transport business has been worth millions of dollars a year to this city, and it is these millions that are accountable to a very large degree for all the developments noted.

"The customs revenue collections are to a certain extent an evidence of the growth of trade. In 1897 there were paid on duties in this city \$3,388,832. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, the amount was \$5,908,535, and for the year ending June 30, 1902, \$7,006,491. These figures show an increase of about 50 per cent for the five years."

"While all the figures are not at hand to make exact comparisons between the

HIGH PRELATE HERE

Rev. Dr. Zahn, Head of Notre Dame, Arrives.

TO VISIT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Noted Educator Predicts Great Future for Portland College, With Schools of Law, Medicine and Technology.

The Rev. Dr. J. Zahn, head of Notre Dame University, at Notre Dame, Ind., and a distinguished prelate, is now in this city as the guest of Archbishop Christie. Dr. Zahn has come West with the pur-

STARTED MOVEMENT FOR PORTLAND SPEED ASSOCIATION.



ROBERT LEIGHTON, OF VANCOUVER, B. C.

Robert Leighton, who is now in Portland, aiding in the establishment of the proposed Portland Fair and Speed Association, is secretary of the Vancouver Jockey Club and secretary of the North Pacific Fair Association, and is a well-known horse fancier in the Pacific Northwest. He has been in Portland for several days, and has completed the arrangements for the new club. The articles of incorporation are being drawn up, and as soon as they are filed, the city will be capped for stock. At the present time, a good amount is known to be pledged, and the club has every appearance of being successful. The Portland Hunt Club will have a meeting tonight to take action on the matter of rendering aid to the new organization.

exports and imports for the years 1897 to 1902, sufficient are available to show what a difference there is in this city's trade. The Government statistics from which the figures are taken include up to June 14, 1899, the merchandise imports and exports of Hawaii in the district of San Francisco. These amounted to from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year, and taking the mean of \$4,500,000 a fair approximation may be reached. This would give San Francisco's total exports before the war as about \$34,000,000, and the total imports about \$23,000,000. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, the total exports were \$28,000,000 and the total imports \$35,100,000, an increase in the former of \$3,000,000 and in the latter of \$2,100,000.

The question for the merchants and business men of San Francisco to consider is: Shall this trade go to Seattle and the Sound?

Seattle Has Hopes. The hopes of the Puget Sound metropolitans are expressed in the following from the Times:

"Mr. Frank Waterhouse, representing the Boston Steamship Company, which had the honor of the transportation of all Government supplies and troops sent from the Pacific Coast to the Philippines, is now en route to Washington City, having departed some days since, and should be in the National capital tomorrow."

"The object of Mr. Waterhouse's trip, it is alleged, is a further conference with the authorities relative to his company's bid. The bid covered all the salient points, from a business point of view, but there are many other features which the authorities wish to go into before taking action. These features can only be reached by a prolonged interview, and this necessitated Mr. Waterhouse making the trip East."

"The belief is generally taking firm hold of those officials in a position to form an honest opinion from their judgment of trade conditions that Seattle will get the Government business. It is realized that the 'pull' which San Francisco and California will exert to do her Northern rival injury is tremendous. There is also the influence of the Southern transcontinental railroads, which will surely do all in their power to keep the business for their own lines, and against this array of force it is acknowledged that the competition will be the keenest known for years, but from the vital points of the issue, which are decidedly in Seattle's favor, it is judged that the authorities can do nothing else than award the business to the Boston Steamship Company."

DRUMMER FACES CHARGE

Sol Ranshoff Is Arrested for Alleged Embezzlement.

Sol Ranshoff, a drummer, wanted at Olympia on a charge of embezzlement of samples and sample cases belonging to the Puget Woolen Mills, was taken back yesterday morning by Sheriff Mills, of that place. The officer had taken the precaution to bring requisition papers, but they were not needed, as the prisoner expressed a willingness to return and face the charge. He is said to have sold the goods for \$300 and appropriated the money to his own use.

Ranshoff was arrested at The Dalles yesterday by Sheriff Sexton, at the Columbia Hotel, and was brought to Portland, where the Washington officer was waiting for him. The police in Portland were notified some time ago to look out for Ranshoff, and after some search, ascertained that he was drumming for a clothing establishment on Washington street, and that he had gone to Troutdale, Ore., to visit his family.

The Dalles, and consequently the authorities at that place were instructed to arrest him.

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in operation in France, and they did not work such hardship, I will probably go immediately to France when I leave here."

RURAL ROUTES POPULAR

Mail Business in Gresham Vicinity Increasing as Result.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special).—The two rural routes now in operation here handled 10,911 pieces of mail matter during November. The business of the routes has been steadily increasing, as has also the business done at the post-office. The large increase of population, caused by the influx of railroad contractors, has helped considerably to increase the business of the postoffice, but there has been a steady and healthy growth ever since the routes were first organized, nearly two years ago. Two mail-box agents have been in the field here for the past three weeks, selling new boxes for the old routes, which are required to make a change, and getting subscribers in the territory of the proposed new routes which are to be established soon. When in operation the five routes will traverse over 100 miles of roads and cover an area of about 60 square miles. About 600 mail boxes will be in use from the start, but this number will increase when several existing postoffices have been discontinued.

Railroad Nearing Gresham.

Railroad work is being pushed with all possible vigor, operations being continued every day, including Sundays, rain or shine. The force has been divided into five camps, with adequate crews for each since the advance of the road has thrown away all obstructions and is followed by the graders, who are in turn followed by track-layers. Rails for the dump cars to run on across the hills have been laid at present, but it is more than probable that the construction train will reach here next week. It is at work within two miles of here today. Track would have been laid to Gresham this week but for a bad place two miles from the town, where the fill sinks as fast as it is put in. This difficulty is being rapidly overcome, and the iron horse will be due here in a few days more.

A Large Quantity of Potatoes Still Remain in the Ground.

Unable to get them out on account of the rain. It will be impossible to dig some of the fields until Spring, but if the ground does not freeze too deep, the potatoes will be just as good then as now.

RAISES FOXES IN ALASKA

S. Applegate Has a Prosperous Fur Business in the North.

S. Applegate, who was in the Weather Bureau service for many years, arrived in Portland yesterday from Alaska, where he has made his home for the past 25 years. He was seen at the Custom-House while living his respects to Forecast Official Beard.

"I live in Dutch Harbor, and am in the sealing business at present," he said. "The law prohibiting sealing within the 60-mile limit is for the benefit of the American and Canadian sealers are excluded, no provision is made against the Russian and Japanese boats, and consequently many sealers flying the flag of Japan are owned and manned by Americans and Canadians. Several years ago I transplanted a number of blue foxes from the Pribyloff Islands to a small island of which I have control west of Unimak Island, one of the Aleutian chain. These foxes proved to be most profitable investment, for they take care of themselves and their furs command a high price in the London market. My skins brought the best price of any that I have seen from Alaska, but I find that the quality is deteriorating on account of the different climate from which the animals have been accustomed. The best skins I have seen from that down to \$20 or \$25."

"We raise all kinds of vegetables in Dutch Harbor, and nowhere have I seen better turnips and such roots than we have there."

PERSONAL MENTION.

John A. Carson, an attorney of Salem, is at the Perkins.

W. S. Cone, a timber man from Bay City, is at the Perkins.

A. A. Seuffert, a fruitgrower of The Dalles, is at the Perkins.

James Kennedy, a wealthy resident of Walla Walla, is at the Perkins.

Matt Mosgrove, a prominent merchant of Milton, is a guest of the Perkins.

State Senator W. Tyler Smith is registered at the Imperial.

Professor P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, is a guest of the Imperial.

I. O. Rhoades, general purchasing agent for the Imperial, is registered at the Portland.

Nathan Eckstein, a member of a large grocery jobbing house in Seattle, is a guest of the Portland. Mrs. Eckstein accompanies him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lesser announce the bar-mitvah of their son, Leo, at the Congregation Ahava Shalom, Saturday morning, December 6.

Frank J. Mone, of Japan, is registered at the Imperial. He is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mone, who is connected with a novelty house in Yokohama, is on a regular annual visit to the United States.

W. J. Van Patten, who owns the farm where Eban Allen lived here the Rev. Eban Allen has decided to present it to the City of Burlington, Vt., to be used as a park—New York Evening Post. Eban Allen did not live in Burlington, Vt., until 1872. He lived in Bennington and died there after he first arrived in Vermont from Litchfield, Conn., some years before the Revolution.

Mark Twain's 67th birthday was celebrated a week ago yesterday by a dinner given in the honor of the Metropolitan Club in New York, by Colonel George Harvey. Among the 33 guests present were: W. D. Howells, John Kendrick Basing, Tom Reed, Chauncey Depew, Wayne MacVeagh, St. Clair McKelvey, Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, John Hay, George W. Cable, Brander Matthews and F. Hopkinson Smith.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—H. Wolf, at the Raleigh; F. P. Keenan, at the Victoria.

From Spokane—Mr. Waterman, at the Grand.

From Seattle—T. L. Henry, at the Grand Union; H. Morgan, at the Navarre.

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A SCHISM IN ISRAEL?

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE DISCUSSES NEW MOVEMENT IN JUDAISM.

He Declares Both the Ark and the Hebrew Language to be Non-essentials of the Worship.

"Both the ark and the Hebrew language are nonessentials in a Hebrew house of worship," said Dr. Stephen S. Wise in his sermon, "A Movement in Judaism; Is There to Be a Schism in Israel?" at the Temple Beth Israel last evening. Dr. Wise first described the new movement which has sprung up in London, the Jewish Religious Union. The orthodox Jews have strongly opposed the union, saying that in its first meeting held recently, the essentials of an old-time Jewish service were lacking, that the Hebrew language was largely eliminated from the service, that the hymns were such as might be sung by those of any religion, and lastly, that there was no ark. Dr. Wise rather favored the movement and defined the essentials of Jewish worship. "The ark and the Hebrew language are nonessentials in a Hebrew house of worship," said he. "They are not, however, superfluous, and there is a vast difference between the two. For instance, the roof of my house is absolutely essential, while the furniture in the house is a superfluity. The essentials are the things without which true Judaism cannot exist. If I thought that the ark and the Hebrew language were essential, I should battle for their abolition."

"I wish to do justice to the new movement. Its promoters say that the old service is not attractive, and that its purpose should be to bring back the disloyal rather than to add the loyal to continue in their loyalty. What are you and I doing to bring the ideals of Judaism into our homes?"

"This church, the largest Jewish organization in the Northwest, is one of the few in the country that has adapted the essentials of Judaism to the needs of the present day."

Dr. Wise then touched on the absence

of the young men from the synagogue, and its reason.

"Why must a man be dead or married before he can join the temple? Why do the managers of this church and of other churches shut out the young men? If I should suggest that every Jewish young man 21 years old in Portland should join the temple, I would be laughed at. It is spiritual fratricide. We have modernized the service, have instituted the choir and the organ and have a more simple, reasonable, beautiful service than before. I have the old-fashioned idea that it is a good thing for young men to attend the synagogue and yet they stay away because nothing is done to bring them."

The new movement was again spoken of in closing.

"The Jewish Religious Union may bring strife among the Jews, but I would rather see it would be warfare than the continued reign of indifference."

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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